



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION  
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: Charles Carlin  
DOCKET NO.: 21-01166.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-32-116-007

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Charles Carlin, the appellant, by attorney Eric Feldman of Eric Feldman & Assoc. P.C. in Chicago; and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **no change** in the assessment of the property as established by the **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$60,774  
**IMPR.:** \$89,211  
**TOTAL:** \$149,985

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2021 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

**Findings of Fact**

The subject property consists of a one-story dwelling of brick and wood siding exterior construction with 2,106 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1956. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning and a 438 square foot garage. The property has a 12,750 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .63 of a mile from the subject property. Four comparables have sites that range in size from 9,370 to 21,400 square feet of land area. No site size was disclosed for appellant's comparable #1. The comparables are improved with one-story dwellings of brick and wood siding exterior construction containing either 1,886 or 2,084

square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1956 to 1958. Four comparables each have a concrete slab foundation and one comparable has a basement with finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 264 to 714 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables sold from May 2020 to June 2021 for prices ranging from \$355,000 to \$383,400 or from \$183.97 to \$200.16 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$149,985. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$451,083 or \$214.19 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2021 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.25% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In response to the appellant's evidence, the board of review submitted "Listing and Property History Reports" for the appellant's comparables #1 and #2 which revealed the properties had total market times of 156 and 473 days, respectively. A handwritten notation asserted that the appellant's comparable #1 had been on and off the market since 2016. The board of review also submitted two Multiple Listing Service (MLS) listing sheets associated with a June 2021 sale and a December 2021 sale of the appellant's comparable #5. The June 2021 listing described the home as being "perfect for a rehabber or contractor as it needs extensive updating" with a dwelling size of 1,886 square feet of living area and the listing also revealed the property sold in June 2021 for \$360,000. The December 2021 listing described the home as having an "amazing total renovation!" with a dwelling size of 2,356 square feet of living area and the listing also revealed the property sold in December 2021 for a price of \$510,000.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on seven comparable sales that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .62 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 7,620 to 13,200 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with one-story or two-story dwellings of brick or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,825 to 2,459 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1956 to 1958. Six comparables each have either a crawl space or a concrete slab foundation and one comparable has a basement. Each comparable has central air conditioning, three comparables each have one fireplace and six comparables each have a garage ranging in size from 264 to 693 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from May to November 2020 for prices ranging from \$399,900 to \$540,000 or from \$210.99 to \$222.41 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or

construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains 13 suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration, as one comparable reportedly sold twice. The Board has given less weight to the June 2021 sale of the appellant's comparable #5 due to the listing disclosing the property was "perfect for a rehabber or contractor as it needs extensive updating," which calls into question the condition of the dwelling at the time of the sale. The Board has also given less weight to the purported December 2021 sale of the appellant's comparable #5 due to the MLS listing presented by the board of review that disclosed the dwelling contained 2,536 square feet of living area after renovations, which is 20% larger than the subject dwelling. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparable #2 due to its dissimilar two-story design and lack of a garage, when compared to the subject's one-story design and garage feature.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties' remaining comparables, which are relatively similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and some features. However, nine of the ten remaining comparables lack a basement foundation, a feature of the subject, suggesting upward adjustments would be required to make these comparables more equivalent to the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables sold from May to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$355,000 to \$540,000 or from \$183.97 to \$222.41 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$451,083 or \$214.19 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(d)) the proceeding before the Property Tax Appeal Board is terminated when the decision is rendered. The Property Tax Appeal Board does not require any motion or request for reconsideration.



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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: June 27, 2023



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Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year or years of the same general assessment period, as provided in Sections 9-125 through 9-225, are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for such subsequent year or years directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR OR YEARS. A separate petition and evidence must be filed for each of the remaining years of the general assessment period.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.

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